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The Annual Dinner of the Delaware Society of New York will be held Thursday, February 14th.

The place for the dinner has not yet been selected, but notice will be sent to members, as soon as arrangements are completed.

It is the desire of the committee to make, this year, a special effort to have reunions of old schoolmates at the dinner, and all those who went to school in Delaware are requested to communicate with the Secretary, giving the name or number of the school and the names of all schoolmates in this vicinity. You are also requested to suggest the name of some one who will take charge of the matter of getting together a good representation from your old school. This experiment was tried in one case last year, with the result that fifteen Delawareans who had gone to one District School met at the dinner, the meeting, of course, being the first in great many years.

The Committee also desires to impress upon members, three facts: first, that the Committee earnestly desires aid and suggestions from members of the Society or from Delawareans; second, that it will gratefully receive such suggestions, and endeavor to carry them out; third, that the members of the Committee very much hope that the members of the Society who are not now holding office, will come and make suggestions, and take up the work of the Society and permit themselves to be elected to office.

It is very much hoped that the members will not get the idea that the Committee is anything like a close corporation.

You are requested to read this circular over again, and to write your views fully on these subjects to the Secretary, who hasn't any business as important as the encouragement of friendly feeling among Delawareans.

By Direction of the President.

WILLIAM H. STAYTON, Secy.

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TWO IMPORTANT ARRESTS

State Detective Bernard J. McVey and police officers of Wilmington Sunday arrested Daniel O'Hanley, suspected of robbing the Middletown post office, and Reese Roberts, charged with robbing the residence of Caleb Churchman, at Grubb's Landing.

The detective and Patrolman Connor had a chase for O'Hanley. Reese Roberts is colored and he had some of the stolen property from the Churchman house on him when arrested. All told, $490 worth of household effects and clothing had been taken.

Roberts confessed that he and another man did the job. He told where some of the property could be recovered. He also admitted robbing the house of a Mrs. Lodge some time ago and securing silverware, clothing and other articles. Roberts claims New York as his home. He is said to be a deserter from the Twenty-forth United States Regiment.

CALVES BREAK RECORD

John L. Talley, of Mill Creek hundred, and Thomas Wrench, of Blackbird hundred, who are among the "true and tried" men of the county, Monday morning circulated the following calf story. Stories that relegate into insignificance the stories of the weight of all calves born before them.

The calf on the farm of Mr. Talley came to earth last Saturday, weighing 126 pounds, and through some unnatural process of growth has already increased twenty pounds in weight. The animal owned by Mr. Wrench is smaller than the smallest child, according to Mr. Wrench's statement, it weighing but six pounds. Although many friends of the farmers received the stories with a degree of doubt, Messrs. Talley and Wrench declare that they are true in every particular.

FARMERS PREPARE FOR THIEVES

On account of the numerous thefts in the vicinity of New Castle, preparations are being made to give the night marauders a warm reception. Several farmers have had burglar alarms placed in their henneries, barns and houses. Vicious dogs have been purchased. These are kept chained during the days and are let loose at night. William Walker lost more than seventy-five fowls in two nights, and George Biddle more than 200 turkeys, ducks and chickens within a period. It is believed that the fowls are disposed of among the cheap eating restaurants in Wilmington.

Policeman's Heroic Act

Mrs. Mary Riley, of Robinson street, Wilmington, near Church street, was walking across the railroad tracks at Third street Sunday. A north-bound express was approaching, but she did not know it. People yelled to her, but she did not understand. Patrolman Hancock saw her danger, sprang to her side, took her in his arms, and leaped from the track just in time to avoid the express.

Burglars Got $100

Burglars who entered the home of John Crossan, a farmer of near Hockessin, in Mill Creek hundred, on Saturday night, obtained $100 in cash and a quantity of wearing apparel. The burglars effected an entrance to the house through a second story window above a rear porch.

Sheriff Sells More Properties

Sheriff McDaniel on Saturday afternoon sold a property of Nicholas E. Davis, near Bear Station, to John M. Walker for $420.

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ANOTHER SWINDLER

Sussex County at various times is visited by men who are endeavoring to make a living without work. They occasionally find some one foolish enough to part with their hard earned money in exchange for a little experience. The latest swindler to visit that section is supposed to be an agent for a patent clothes wringer. His plan is to visit the people who take in washing, or any others that he may think foolish enough to swallow his bait, and telling the merits of his patent, inquires about the health of the family. When he discovers some one with a disease that no one else is smart enough to cure he offers to sell the afflicted one a sure cure for a few dollars. He guarantees a cure or he will refund the money. It is needless to say that his cure is worth no more than his guarantee. —*Union Republican*

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CYLINDER HEAD BLOWN OUT

There was a serious accident at the clay works of Golding & Company, on Christiana avenue, Wilmington, on Wednesday last, that caused $2,000 damages. In some unaccountable manner the pin came out of the piston rod of the engine at the works, and with a roaring sound the cylinder head blew out and went crashing through the side of the building. There was a freight car standing on the tracks in front of the building at the time and the cylinder head went through it like a bullet and landed in the field beyond.

William Pennington, the engineer in charge, had been in front of the cylinder head a moment before it blew out. Workmen who heard the noise rushed to the engine room and were surprised to see the condition of affairs.

MEN YELL; WOMEN FAINT

The greatest excitement prevailed Sunday evening in the county jail in New Castle and people on the outside who happened to be passing thought that a wholesale slaughter was being made. An investigation showed that a pipe connected with the steam heater in the basement of the jail had burst and within a few moments the jail was filled with steam and ashes. Male prisoners made the greatest kind of a hubbub over the affair and the women inmates screamed and fainted. They all cooled off when they found that they were to be without heat until to-day and then yelled for additional blankets with which to keep warm.

EXTENT OF HIS INHERITANCE

The extent of the empire over which the King Edward VII of England and Emperor of India will reign exceeds that of any monarch of the present time or perhaps of any time. Exclusive of Egypt, the area of his empire is 11,773,000 square miles: including Egypt, about 13,000,000 square miles, or much over one-fourth of the land surface of the globe. The wealth of the United Kingdom alone, apart from that of India, Australia, Canada and other possessions, is about $60,000,000,000, or second only to that of the United States. The population of the empire aggregates some 400,000,000, being comparable with that of the Emperor of China. Its shipping equals that of all other countries put together, and its commerce and navy are by far the largest. The capital of the empire is also the world's money center. Altogether Edward VII is very comfortably fixed.

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PENINSULA NOTES

At the next session of the M. E. Conference, which convenes at Seaford in March, there will be many pastoral changes.

Frederick Hilbiber read a paper on "Minerals" before the Natural History Society, of Delaware, in Wilmington, Monday night.

William Krebes, aged about 60 years, died Sunday of heart failure. He was a retired farmer and moved to Wyoming several years ago.

Bishop Huntingdon, superior of the Holy Cross, will conduct a quiet day for the clergy of the diocese of Delaware at Bishopstead Tuesday, February 12.

The Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of Wilmington, gave their annual minstrel performance in the Grand Opera House Monday night.

It is reported that Gumboro is to have an electric railway, and it is to connect with the Dagsboro and Ocean View line, and also to extend to Maryland line.

The Simon Wolf Republican Club, of Wilmington, has adopted resolutions requesting the General Assembly to elect two Republican United States Senators.

Delaware farmers may require a daily payment for tomatoes delivered to canneries next season. They lost a good deal of money last summer through the credit plan.

Ducks are plentiful on the Delaware river opposite and below New Castle, and gunners have made good bags. The birds are in excellent condition, although somewhat hard to get close to.

The February term of the General Sessions are Superior Courts was opened in Wilmington Monday, but after some formal proceedings, in honor of Marshall day, a recess was taken until Tuesday.

Dr. Caleb R. Layton, the newly appointed Secretary of the State, has leased the handsome residence of Mrs. Roudebush on State. Doctor Layton will remove to Dover with his family early in the spring.

Benjamin F. Hopkins, aged 31 years, for some years an eccentric character in Wilmington, having gained notoriety by eating the glass in his spectacles, died in Philadelphia on Saturday and was buried in Wilmington Monday.

Weston Rowland, of Baltimore, said that he was robbed while drunk in Wilmington. He was attempting to steal a ride to Baltimore, when he fell from the train in the west yard, Wilmington, sustaining a bad cut on the head.

Camden Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., has won the handsome silk flag, to be awarded at the next session of the State council, to be held soon, for the greatest gain of membership during the year. The per cent. of Camden Council was 66.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware, Ancient Order of United Workmen will meet in Smyrna on Tuesday, February 12th. One important matter for consideration well be that of classified assessments, their adoptions being favored by some.

The managers of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company met in Wilmington Monday and elected William H. Swift president, to succeed William T. Porter, deceased; Charles G. Rumford, vice president, and Colonel William A. La Motte, secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. Ella Moody and her daughter, Bertha, residing at Delaware City, were made ill by gas from a stove. Bright Moody, Mrs. Moody's son, on returning to the house, discovered the condition of affairs and summoned a physician to attend the women. They recovered

The Delmar American caused considerable comment by alluding to the nuisance of store loafing. It is claimed that crowds of men loaf in stores, and it is suggested that the merchants either put a stop to it or provide special rooms for the loafers. It is not known what the outcome of the matter will be.

It has been rumored in Wilmington that Rev. George M. Hickman, formerly of that city, now of Bradford, Pa., met death while on a hunting expedition. A letter from Mr. Hickman relates that his brother, Dr. J. W. Hickman, met death while hunting in Alaska last June, which probably accounts for the rumor concerning the clergyman.

The second term of the school year in Wilmington opened Monday and promotions and transfers were the order of the day. The new High School was formally opened for the reception of students, Principal A. H. Berlin presiding at the exercises. Speeches were made by President Evan G. Shortlidge, of the Board of Public Education; Superintendent George W. Twitmyer, and Bishop Leighton Colcman.

A largely attended meeting of attorneys' of the State was held at the Court House, Wilmington, Monday afternoon, to consider the formation of a State Bar Association, and the association was organized by the election of the following officers: President, Benjamin Nields; vice president, for New Castle county, Alexander B. Cooper; for Kent couny, Henry R. Johnson, for Sussex county, Charles F. Richards; secretary, T. Bayard Heisel, and treasurer, Charles W. Cullen.

A mass meeting of the colored citizens of the Seventh election district was held in Zion Church, Wyoming, Sunday night, for the purpose of finding out what steps the Union Republicans are taking in regard to the recognition of the colored voters and offices to be filled in Kent county. Resolutions were adopted asking the Levy Court of Kent county to consider the application of Joseph Palmer, colored, who wants to be constable of the Seventh district. Another resolution was adopted asking the Governor to appoint a colored man Justice of the Peace at Camden.

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Washington Letter.

Probably not within the present century will a President of the United States and his Cabinet be called upon to take part in two such notable events so close together as the funeral of Queen Victoria, which President McKinley and his Cabinet attended Saturday, and Joint Congressional Celebration of the Centennial anniversary of the appointment of John Marshall, of Va., to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, which they attended in the hall of the House to day. Time is precious just now, both with the President and with Congress, but time can never be so precious that some of it cannot be spared to do honor to the memory of so distinguished an American as John Marshall was.

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The real fight in the Senate over the Ship Subsidy bill is now on in earnest. The Republican programme, arranged by the steering committee, is to keep the subsidy bill before the Senate until it is voted upon, or it is demonstrated that the opposition is determined enough to prevent a vote. Already the Senate is meeting an hour earlier and this week night sessions are to be forced. The friends of the bill are confident that the result will be the passage of the bill.

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The long-delayed Army Reorganization Act became a law on Saturday, and the President and Secretary of War are now engaged in carrying out its provisions. It is expected that the nominations of the high-grade officers provided for will be sent to the Senate this week by the President. That General Miles will be made Lieutenant General is regarded as certain.

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Senator Stewart, in a speech supporting the Ship subsidy bill, said he was on principle opposed to any monopoly of the sea, but if there must be a monopoly of the sea he desired it to be American.

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Col. William Brown, of New York, a life-long Democrat, who is now visiting Washington, paid this high tribute to President McKinley: "I became well acquainted with McKinley in school, and we have always been good friends. Although we have differed in our political beliefs, I have always admired the man. He is honest and straightforward and from earliest youth has led an exceptionally clean and upright life. Whatever McKinley undertook, he did well, and the same trait has characterized his work through life. When he started in to champion a cause, he did it with his whole soul, and I believe he never does or says a thing that is not prompted by the highest motives of conscience."

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Gen. B. F. Tracy, whose good work as Secretary of the Navy, under the Harrison administration, had no little to do with the present efficiency of our Navy, is in Washington on legal business. He said: "We have the best ships and the best guns and the best fighting men of any navy in the world, and it the future development of our Navy should be centered the patriotic pride of every American. I have noted with pleasure the great progress that has been made toward even a greater navy, and I hope the government will continue the good work. America can afford to have nothing less than the best."

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Senator Chandler raised a laugh by saying, in reply to the claim of Senator Jones that the opponents of the Ship Subsidy bill wanted time enough to expose its iniquity: "The opponents of the bill have been allowed to expose the iniquity of the bill and their own iniquity along with it."

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Senator Spooner, who will retire March 4th, makes a positive denial of the story that he will succeed Attorney General Griggs in President McKinley's Cabinet. He says he expects to practice law. He ought to know.

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Senator Hanna is inclined to joke about his rheumatism, which is again giving him trouble. As Senator Morgan stepped aside to allow Mr. Hanna to pass through a door, he said, nodding at the lame foot: "Same old trouble, I suppose?" "Yes, replied Senator Hanna: 'same old rheumatism. It seems to be getting a little worse every day. I guess it is politics struck in."

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The difficulty of pleasing those who refuse to be pleased is once more exemplified by the present attitude of those who have all along been criticizing the President for ursurping the power properly belonging to Congress, in his insular policy, toward the President's desire that Congress shall pass upon the satisfactoriness of the Cuban government that will be provided for by the Constitution now being formulated by the convention sitting in Havana. President McKinley holds, and very properly, that Congress should pass upon this matter before our military authority is withdrawn from Cuba, and his critics, seemingly just to be contrary, are contending that he should assume the responsibility of deciding the matter; but their contention will make no difference in the determination of President McKinley to submit the matter to Congress, and to ask Congress to act upon it. It is not likely that the Cuban Constitutions will be ready in time to be submitted to the present session of Congress, and that is one of the reasons why the opinion that an extra session of Congress will be absolutely necessary regardless of what this session may do or leave undone, is increasing every day in Washington.

MOSTLY SCISSORS AND PASTE

The author of a book which has sold well has adopted a novel scheme for advertising it. He has had a large quantity of excellent Egyptian cigarettes made, and on the wrapper of each in gold letters is stamped the name of his book. He has sent packages of these cigarettes to his friends with the request that they scatter them where they will do the most good. Brands of cigars have been named for successful authors but so far as is known this is the first attempt to advertise a book on cigarette wrappers.

William J. Bryan's great-grandmother, who is still alive at the age of 98, at New London, Ind., is Mrs. Mary Gano Cobb, the decendent of Francis Gerenaux, a Huguenot refugee of 1686. Rev. John Gano, one of the Revolution's "fighting chaplains," was her grandfather.

Lionel Burnett, the novelist's son, who has begun work as a capitol reporter for a Washington paper, is not the original of "Lord Fauntleroy," as has been said, his younger brother, Vivian, having inspired that story.

A fat baker appeared in a Paris Court to have a woman fined for keeping a rabid dog, which he claimed had bit him, inoculating him with rabies. When he was through with his complaint the woman put the dog on the Judge's desk and removed from its mouth a set of false teeth.

A story first heard at a mother's knee is seldom forgotten, and the same may be said of other things received at a mother's knee, which willl readily recur to the reader.

Bobbs—Mrs. Nobbs is dressed to kill this evening.

Dobbs—Yes; she bought the outfit at a slaughter sale.

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THAT DEBT ON THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS

A Bill has been presented to the Legislature, which, if it becomes a law, will authorize the Road Commissioners of St. Georges hundred to issue certificates of indebtedness for a sufficient amount to cover the debt which the hundred owes on its road account.

This debt is one of long standing, and is the result of a series of mishaps on the one hand, and bad management and plunder on the other. Nevertheless, the debt was incurred by the people's own appointed servants, and the people are responsible for their acts. And for the people to refuse to provide a means by which the men who worked on the roads and furnished materials for repairs, shall be paid what is justly due them, and for which the public has received the benefit, would be nothing short of repudiation. The people of St. Georges hundred will not agree to that. Under the existing law the Road Commissioners can not go beyond a specified sum in their tax levy. This sum is barely sufficient to meet the yearly demands for repairs, and besides they are prohibited by statute from paying debts incurred by former Road Commissioners. The bill referred to, proposed an additional tax levy, to be spread out over a term of years, to raise a sinking fund to pay off the accumulation of debt.

At the present time the Road Commissioners are bonded officers, and are so hedged about by law that a repetition of former mistakes and bad practices cannot occur. Every one of these outstanding claims against the hundred, which were incurred for work and materials honestly furnished should be paid, and no honest man can demur. They have been neglected far too long already. A large number of the tax payers have petitioned the General Assembly to afford the relief necessary, and we have heard of no opposition, and there should be none.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Day after day the Republican majority in the General Assembly has deliberately, and with bull headed obstinance and stupidity chosen a course, which if persisted in to the end, means to create a vacancy in both seats in the United States Senate to which Delaware is entitled, and to send the Republican party into the wilderness for the next forty years. If this thing be accomplished, the rank and file of the party will hold the men responsible who do it. If this Legislature adjourns without electing two Republican Senators, those men who lend themselves to that end, are sure to be the objects of the people's wrath and censure, and at the first opportunity, will give their political necks such a wringing as will put them out of the game for all time to come. The party at large demands the election of two Senators. Nearly all the Republicans in St. Georges hundred and in Red Lion hundred are for Anthony Higgins for the United States Senate, but so far, the Republican members of the General Assembly from those districts have not represented them in that behalf.

St. Georges is for Anthony Higgins and John Hunn. If the Legislature should elect those two men to the United States Senate, the ascendancy of the Republican party would be assured in Delaware, no State in the Union would be more ably and honorably represented in the Senate. But who ever it may be, we feel that we know the people's will and temper sufficiently well in this matter, as to warrant us in saying to the General Assembly, "don't you adjourn without electing two Republican Senators."

CUBA AND OUR GOVERNMENT

"It is expected that the constitutional convention of Cuba will soon complete and submit its work. Under the terms of the call that work is twofold—first, to make a constitution or framework of government for Cuba, and, second, to determine the relations between Cuba and the United States. The second purpose may be fulfilled within the proposed Constitution or it may possibly be met in some other form. Both results are essential. When they shall be satisfactorily reached the next step naturally would be to take measures for the creation of the government thus ordained and remit Cuba to its own control.

"But it is vital that both purposes shall be fulfilled, and fulfilled acceptably. Neither part of the work can be completed and made final until both are completed. The relations between Cuba and the United States must be determined and adjusted as certainly as the Constitution must be perfected. It is contended in some quarters that the United States has nothing to do in the matter except to receive the Constitution that may be submitted and turn Cuba over to the government for which it provides; that we have no power over the Constitution of a foreign country; that we are pledged by the Teller resolution to withdraw as soon as pacification is accomplished, and that the independence we have promised is irreconcilable with any supervisory authority on our part. This contention disregards the fundamental conditions of the case.

"If we had no moral obligations and if there were no future consequences, it would be far the easiest and simplest thing to accept this view, and, upon the presentation of the Constitution, to withdraw from all further responsibility and participation in Cuba. If we were thinking only of our immediate interests and comfort, this is what we should do. The United States is seeking nothing in Cuba for itself. We don't want annextion. We don't want exploitation. We have less need of Cuba than Cuba for us. It would be for our present relief to wash our hands of Cuba and leave the island to go it alone.

"But there are two decisive reasons why this cannot be done. In the first place, we are under the obligations of a great and sacred trust which imposes upon us the duty to Cuba and to the world, of guaranteeing peace, security and justice. In the second place, we cannot afford to purchase present ease at the cost of future risk and peril. We intervened in Cuba in 1898 because we asserted the right and the duty to stop misrude and wrong in this adjacent territory. The right that commanded our interference then warrants our watchful care now. By the treaty of Paris, by our occupation, by our redemption of Cuba, we are trustees for the island, and the obligations of that trusteeship cannot be discharged until they are satisfied in elemental and enduring safeguards of public and personal safety. We have no reason to doubt that Cuba is entirely ready to offer these safeguards. We take this for granted. They must be satisfactory to the United States and will involve the relations of Cuba with the United States. If there were failure at this point, it would be followed by hazards which would compel interposition at no distant day with all its increased difficulties. We cannot absolve ourselves from responsibilities which are not changed by the Teller resolution, and present evasion of duty will only bring greater troubles hereafter.

"It remains, then, to await the completion and submission of the work of the constutitional convention of Cuba; to expect that it will embrace not only a Constitution but a frank and satisfactory determination of relations with the United States; to deal candidly and unreservedly with any shortcomings, if there should be any; to to seek an arrangement which shall be fair to the United States and honorable to Cuba; to assume that Congress will share with the President the responsibility of the settlement, and to ask whether if there is no delay on the part of the Cubans, there ought not to be an avoidance of delay on the part of the United States, even if it involves an extra session of Congress."—*Philadelphia Press.*

BELIEVES HE BAGGED THE BURGLARS

Philip Bradley and George Willis two athletic young men, with revolvers and razors and $310 in cash in their pockets were arrested and placed in Georgetown jail Monday, under suspicion of being implicated in the railroad robberies. Detective Hutchins, who has been assisted in trailing the men by Mayor Moore of Georgetown, and Chief of Police John Warrington of Seaford, had to call seven men to help arrest the suspects. Early Sunday morning, Night Officer William Powell heard men breaking into Georgetown station, and arrived on the scene just as the large plate glass was crashed through. He found a revolver pointed down his throat and backed away when commanded by the men, with his hands in the air. They escaped, but Detective Hutchins was notified and tracked them to Seaford, where they drove after paying $10 for a fast team.

When taken to Georgetown, bound hand and foot, the prisoners at once retained two of Delaware's best lawyers, Former Attorney-General White and Andrew J. Lynch. They were identified by Patrolman Powell, and held by Magistrate Purnell in $1,000 and $700 bail, respectively.

WILMINGTON CONTEST WITHDRAWN

Howard D. Ross Saturday announced that he had abandoned his contest for the seat of Francis J. McNulty Democrat, who was elected to the State from the Second District of Wilmington. The decision of Mr. Ross was due to the revelation of John H. Goodwin, Jr., one of his witnesses before the Senate Committees on Elections. Goodwin testified that bogus affidavits had been made to support Mr. Ross' claim, and that there was an attempt to get him (Goodwin) away so that he could not testify. Mr. Ross in his letter giving up the fight says he learned with surprise and regret that he had been grossly deceived in relying upon evidence which until the last few days he had assumed was correct.

BOHEMIA MANOR

Joshua Hudson, Sr., has been seriously ill with the la grippe.

Mrs. Susan Smythe, is the guest of friends in Crumpton, Md.

Miss Louie Neff, was entertained by Kenton friends last week.

Mr. Samuel Hushebeck, is very ill with rheumatism in his head.

Miss Lydia Berry spent this week with friends in Dover and Wyoming.

Miss Effie de Coursey, is making an extended visit to northern relatives.

Miss Mamie Jones, of Cecilton, spent last week with friends on the Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Williams, spent part of this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. Julian Jones, was the guest of Mr. James Manlove, in Middletown on Wednesday.

Mr. George Padley, of Sassafras Neck, was the guest of Mr. Walter G. Clayton on Saturday.

Miss Helen Larzelere. of School No. 2, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Elkton, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hoffecker, of Middletown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Williams.

Bright Cleaver, of Goldey's Commercial College, Wilmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

Blue rock shooting matches seem to be the order of the day; there have been three in this neighborhood during the past week.

The Chesapeake City High School will give an entertainment in Masonic Hall, of that town on February 22d, part of which will consist of a play entitled "Our Country."

Miss Julia Beaston, of Chesapeake City, has been staying with her aunt, Mrs. George Rhoades, who has been very ill, We are glad to say she is very much improved at this writing.

Mr. George Peverly, of Middletown, has purchased a tract of chestnut timber on the farm of Mr. George Buckworth, here. The timber is being converted nto railroad ties, posts, rails and cord wood.

The Congregation of Bethel M. E. Church surprised their pastor Rev. George Conaway, with a donation on Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served during the evening and all spent a very enjoyable time.

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CECILTON SIFTINGS

Dr. R. M. Black spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Miss Rena Rickards spent Monday with friends in town.

Miss Nellie Lusby spent Monday and Tuesday with her brother, James Lusby.

Mr. William Lutheringer has been quite sick for several days with neuralgia.

Robbie Shallcross was entertained on Saturday afternoon by his consin, G. G. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Black were entertained by Chesapeake City friends on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Smith were entertained at tea on Sunday, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rowan.

Mrs. Annie Humphrey and Miss Galbraith spent the evening with Mrs. Smith on Monday.

Miss Nan Donaho, of Wilmington, is entertained by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morris.

Miss Ella L. Bennett and Edgar B. Pearce were married in Philadelphia on Monday February 4th.

Miss Martha Vandegrift has purchased from Mrs. Belle Piser the house in Cecilton in which Thos. P. Jones, Jr., now lives.

Misses Annie B. and Susie M. Ellison, of Summit Bridge, spent Friday with their grandfather, Thos. P. Jones, Sr.

Miss Mary Starr, of Baltimore, and Dr. R. M. Black, of Cecilton, were married in Baltimore on Wednesday, February 6th.

The Blue-Rock shooting match between the Earleville and Cecilton clubs was postponed on account of bad weather until next Tuesday, February 12th, at 1 P. M. A special match has also been arranged for that day between two Cecilton men. Come and bring your friends.

EARLEVILLE NOTES

Mr. Fred Rickards says he had a delightful visit in Baltimore.

Mr. Harvey Allen and Willie Rowan visited Sassafras friends one day last week

Mrs. Sarah Pennington is very sick at the home of Mr. Warner Geary, near town.

Miss Mattie Vandergrift is quite poorly with LaGrippe at the home of Harry J. Clark.

Miss Clara Spear, of Cayots, was entertained last week by her aunt, Mrs. William Spear.

Mr. William Rowan is much improved at this writing as he has been feeling very badly with the LaGrippe.

Mrs. William Rowan has been confined to her bed with LaGrippe but is somewhat improved at this writing.

Can anyone tell us what has become of our friend S. we never see him go to church anymore on Sunday evenings.

Mrs. Hennie Geary spent Saturday and Sunday with her father, Mr. James Smith who is still very ill at his home in Cecilton.

Miss Emma Haggarty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Petter Haggerty, who is attending school in Baltimore, has been ill for some days.

There will be a shooting match at Cecilton on Tuesday, February 12th, at 1 P. M. between Earleville and Cecilton clubs. A special match has been arranged between to crack shots of Cecilton.

DOVER HOTEL PURCHASED

Dr. J. G. Sharpe, a well-known resident of Milford, Wednesday purchased a controlling interest in the Hotel Richardson, Dover's handsome hostelry, and is preparing to move to Dover immediately and assume the management. Dr. Sharpe has been identified with large hotel interests the greater part of his life, although a young man, and is vice president for Delaware of the Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association. Proprietor Stephen Cole has been indisposed for several weeks and unable to look after the management of the hotel. He will retain an interest in the place.

TOWNSEND NEWS BUDGET

Mrs. Samuel Townsend is quite sick with Lagrippe.

Mr. William P. Wilson has been quite sick for several days.

Mr. Archie Finley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother.

Messrs. Alex and John Montgomery, of Fieldsboro, visited here on Sunday.

Misses Lizzie Disch and Nina Scott spent Saturday in Smyrna and Leipsic.

Misses Mamie and Annie Carey, of Blackbird, visited here on Saturday evening.

Miss Nettie Smith is spending some time with Mrs. T. J. Hodson, at Sassafras.

Mr. William Pinder and family, of Smyrna, spent Sunday with G. E. Pinder and family.

Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, of Middletown, is being entertained at the residence of G. E. Pinder.

Miss Mollie Lynam, of Middletown, was in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Mary Hess, as was also friends and relatives from New Castle, McDonough, Odessa and Sassafras.

Mrs. Harvey Naylor was taken ill quite suddenly on Monday morning, but is said to be somewhat better at this writing. Mrs. Naylor is a daughter of Mrs. James Downey, of Middletown.

Mr. Harvey Daniels has opened a barber shop at his home on Gray street where he will be pleased to see his many friends. Mr. Daniels is fully equipped to carry on a first-class business and having gained experience in Wilmington, during the last year or two, he is now considered as being truly an adept at the business.

Ella Jarrell a colored woman was arrested on the charge of theft preferred by Miss Mary Betts, a young school teacher at the "Levels" school near here. It was shown that Ella had suddenly disappeared while working at the home of Miss Betts and that a purse and an amount of money also went at the same time. The accused woman in default of bail was sent to New Castle jail.

The recent cold snap made skating a most enjoyable pass time at Harman's pond, and many enthusiasts have indulged in the sport since last Wednesday. All of the local bodies of water had a safe depth of ice over them, but some snow had to be swept off to make the sport heartily enjoyable. A few devotee's provided with snow schovels in addition to their skates went quite a distance on the lake, skating as they shoveled. This greatly helped the sport.

Rev. George P. Jones delivered very interesting sermons, at both the morning and evening service last Sunday. After his discourse in the evening, the usual revival work was resumed, and the altar became quite well filled at this meetting. Rev. Mr. Jones is greatly assisted by his many co-workers, and the meetings are proving very helpful to all interested. They will be resumed on next Sunday evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Frank Hess was held at this place on Thursday afternoon. Rev. George P. Jones conducted the services. Mrs. Hess left a husband and four children, there being three daughters and a son. She was 47 years of age and had been ill a long time bearing her suffering with Christian fortitude. Her father is the venerable, Edward Atwell, of Sassafras, Md. The pall bearers were George Atwell, of Kennedyville; Louis Atwell, of Sassafras; John Atwell and P. S. Daniels of Townsend. Impressive services were conducted at the M. E. Church and very largely attended. Interment was made at Townsend cemetery.

State Councilor King made Townsend Council, No. 11, Jr. O. U. A. M. an official visit on Friday evening, and made a very interesting address. Messrs. A. M. Mackey, W. A. Scott, W. Z. Knotts, A. J. Lynam, T. J. Hodgson, W. C. Money and other popular members of the order also addressed the assemblege of lodgemen in a manner that elicted much attention and favorable comment. After the meeting a Turkey supper was served and heartly enjoyed by the many present. At a late hour the boys departed and the merriest slogan of the members for the evening was "Come again soon boys".

PORT PENN WAVES

A big stock of gum boots at Kumpels.

Messrs. Samuel and Ollie Kershaw spent Saturday in St. Georges.

Mr. William Voshell left on Tuesday to accept a position in Camden, N. J.

Mr. R. A. Moore, of Delanco, N. J., spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Frank Wright.

Mr. George Lockerman, of Camden, N. J., spent Monday with Mr. Samuel Kershaw.

Messrs. Henry Cleaver and John Gam filled their ice houses with four-inch ice on Thursday.

Miss Jennie L. Bendler is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Emma Bendler, in St. Georges.

The down bay fishermen report fish very scarce. They are home on account of the extreme cold snap.

Miss Katie Evans returned home after several months visit with relatives and friends in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Mrs. Ruth Yearsley and Mrs. Emily Yearsley and daughters, Misses Anna and Hattie, spent from Friday until Monday with the family of Mr. James Cannon, at Corbit's Station.

ST. GEORGES NOTES

William Schunder, of Delaware City, was in town Thursday evening.

William Haman, of Bear Station, paid St. Georges a hasty visit on Monday.

Mrs. Sallie Riley and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, have returned from Kirkwood.

Samuel Haman, of near town, spent Tuesday with his son William Haman at Bear.

Miss Gertrude Swain is visitivg her sister, Mrs. William Haman at Bear Station.

Mrs. J. B. Vail, of McDonough, was entertained by her sister, Mrs. G. H. Swain on Monday.

Woodward Joseph, of Philadelphias and Miss Gertrude Swain, of "Clear View," spent Sunday with Taylor's Bridge relatives.

The most attractive event that occured in our town lately was last Thursday evening, when about seventy-five of our town friends surprised Rev. C. F. Sheppard with a social that consisted of music and speeches, and at a late hour sandwiches and coffee was served.

BLIND STAGGERS AMONG HORSES

One day last week Harry Pfeisterer, living near Walker's, Blackbird hundred, lost two horses out of four that were sick with the disease called "blind staggers," that has carried off so many animals. Mr. Walker living on the "Spruance Farm," near by, has also lost two horses. They die usually soon after the attack begins, before there is a chance to do much for them. From certain symptoms Dr. Ryan thinks it is not the "blind staggers," but an infectious disease that has come from Europe with hides brought to this country for tanning.

DELAWARE CITY

Mrs. Neff is somewhat better.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton has returned from Canada.

J. H. Roberts is getting his icehouse filled this week.

Earl Baum was one of the Wilmington visitors on Tuesday.

Mrs. Anna Lofland visited relatives in Philadelphia, this week.

Miss Alice Vail who has been in Philadelphia, is at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott entertained their friends Tuesday evening.

Miss May Thompson spent Wednesday in Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Mrs. Julia Brewer and Mrs. M. Byles were in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mrs. William Jester has returned from a visit to friends in Chesapeake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Jarrell spent Thursday and Friday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Samuel R. Hines, entertained her Sunday School class on Friday evening at her new home.

The Guy Bros. gave one of their onjoyable entertainments in Central Hall Wednesday evening.

The grippe is still in evidence in town, Miss Georgia Money is convalescing from an attack of it.

The Sewing Society of the Episcopal Church met on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Johnson's.

The Mite Society of the Presbyterian Church met this week at the home of Mrs. E. C. Reybold.

Mr. and Mrs. John Craig attended the funeral of Mr. Southwick in Trenton N. J., on Thursday.

George McIntire returned to Newark this week and S. D. Townsend resumed his duties in the bank.

A special sermon in momory of the Queen was preached on Sunday by Rev. Mr. Stahl pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

A supper given for the benefit of the M. E. Church in New Castle on Wednesday evening was attended by several of our town folk.

S. R. Hines entertained the lodges of the I. O. O. F. and Golden Eagles at his home on Clinton street on Tuesday evening in honor of his recent marriage.

The canal closed on Thursday for repairs. The Ericsson line will send freigh outside by large boats instead of transferring at the locks as usual at such times.

Capt. Lafitte who has been promoted expects to leave soon for the Phillipines. He will remain here until some one is ordered to assume his present duties at Ft. Dupont.

Dr. William LaCompt has succeeded Dr. R. H. Zauner as physician in charge at Ft. Dupont. Dr. Zauner has been promoted and ordered to the Phillipines and left the port on Wednesday.

Messrs. J. Thomas and William A. Price were in Wilmington on Tuesday and Mrs. William A. Price on Wednesday. Mrs. Paynter sister of these gentlemen is very ill at her home in Wilmington.

A Rummage Sale will be given in Central Hall beginning on the 21st and continuing for a week under the auspices of the ladies of the M. E. Church. Besides serving refreshments, there will be entertainments each evening.

George W. Reybold is obtaining signatures to a petition to the legislature against electing Mr. Addicks and E. C. Reybold is working in the same manner in favor of Mr. Addicks. Democrats and Republicans alike are signing the first mentioned paper.

Mrs. Ella Moody, her daughter Miss Bertha and her aged mother, Mrs. Bright, are ill from the effects of inhaling gas from an uncovered stove. Bright Moody left his car as usual about 7 A. M., but was unable to gain admission to the house for some time. After some delay the door was opened by his mother whom he found very sick and who said Bertha was sick too and she couldn't waken her. Upon further investigation Mr. Bright was found in the same condition. The preceding night the fire had been attended to before retiring but the top of the stove was left uncovered by mistake. The probability is that if Mr. Moody had not come just at the time he did the consequences must have been fatal. The ladies are recovering.

SPURIOUS NICKELS IN SMYRNA

Some two or three weeks ago we reported the finding of a number of counterfeit five cent pieces in Clayton. The coins were a very poor imitation. The past week several of those counterfeits were passed in Smyrna. They bore the same date as those passed in Clayton—1897—but were of much better workmanship, in fact only by the "greasy" feel or by the ring can they be detected. It is very evident the spurious nickels are being made in this section of Kent. It is believed parties in Clayton know more about the practice of "shoving the queer" than they care to tell. Whether this be true or not, the flooding of this section with counterfeit coins should be investigated by the secret service men.—*Smyrna Call.*

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But you should not abuse a friend, therefore use whisky wisely. If you do not abuse it, it will ever be your faithful servant. If you abuse it, it will make you its slave. No man becomes a drunkard save after years of determined effort in that direction. Take our advice; use whisky wisely. Don't buy cheap whisky, but buy the best. Do you ask who sells the best? The question shows that you are not posted. We invite you to take a drink of ours and then ask yourself the question.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7.50, 9.20 and 10.28 a. m. 4.16 and 6.02 p. m.
South Bound—12.54, 9.11 and 11.50 a. m.; 3.54 5.18 and 7.51 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 3.55 and 5.40 p. m.
Going South—8.50 a. m., 5.10 p. m.
For Odessa—9.10 a. m., 11 40 a. m., 5.30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.15 a. m.

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Local News.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling now occupied by Mrs. M. J. Whittock, on East Main street. Apply to MRS. H. V. PARVIS.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Spanish-American War Veterans has appointed Col. Theodore Townsend, Department Commander for Delaware.

Rev. C. A. Finley Presiding Elder of Wilmington District will preach in Dale's M. E. Church to-morrow evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of Letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 9th. John Anderson, Philip Skinner.

Advance Steam Laundry, office opposite W. S. Letherbury's. Work guaranteed. Goods delivered.
C. R. CLAYTON.

FOR SALE—One building lot on Cochran street. For further particulars apply to W. R. REYNOLDS.

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The presiding officer of the coming Conference at Seaford will be Bishop, Daniel A. Goodsell, D. D., LL. D. He is said to be an orator who thrills his congregation with his almost matchless eloquence.

Magistrate William R. Reynolds will sell at public sale at the Middletown Hotel, on Friday, February 15th, at 9 o'clock A. M., a very desirable building lot, situated on Cochran street. See posters for full description.

There are fewer paupers in New Castle county now than there were for the same time last year. This was brought out at the meeting of the trustees of poor last week when Superintendent McCoy, of the county hospital, submitted his report.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church have a pleasing program for February 15th. You can get supper from five until seven o'clock before the entertainment and immediately after the performance. Do not forget that terrapin and oysters are on the menu.

The effort to bring about the systematic care of roads in this State so as to have better roads have been endorsed by the present Governor and by his predecessor, and the General Assembly should take some action in the matter. The completion of the work house near Wilmington will be a step in the direction of providing for the proper employment of prisoners.

Workmen of the Delaware Railroad Company are still busy on the new bridge over the Chesapeake canal near Kirkwood. The bridge will be double instead of single track when completed and will be a great improvement over the old one. On account of the work being done trains are compelled to run very slowly over the bridge at present.

Gov. John Hunn, has commissioned, Alfred G. Cox, Notary Public for St. Georges hundred. We understand that this appoinment is made under a law passed some time ago, allowing two Notary Publics for the hundred. Mr. Cox is fully qualified for the office and the appointment will meet with universal approval throughout the hundred.

Saturday was "ground hog" day, the tradition being that the little animal comes from his burrow in the ground takes a peep outside and if he sees his shadow returns again for six weeks more of winter. As Saturday was a Sunny day of course the hog saw his shadow, but whether he did or not the fact remains that there is usually six more weeks of winter after Candlemas Day whether it be sunny or cloudy.

Mrs. Clara Roach, one of the National Organizers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, will speak in Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday morning, February 17th. Mrs. C. C. Brown, of Wilmington, President of the Conference Society of the W. H. M. S., will accompany Mrs. Roach and assist in the services. Mrs. Roach has a national reputation and it will be a great privilege for the people of Middletown to have the opportunity of listening to her at this time. The public are cordially invited.

Don't forget the date of the beautiful cantata, "The Enchanted Wood," to be presented at the Middletown Opera House Friday evening, February 15th, by the Junior Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church. The comedietta, "His Lordship," will be another interesting feature. An oyster and terrapin supper will be served before and immediately after the entertainment. The performance will commence at 7 o'clock sharp, and the ladies in charge will undoubtedly look after the enjoyment of all who attend in a manner that will insure a pleasant and social evening.

The TRANSCRIPT scribe had the pleasure of being shown through the new broom factory of H. Ingraim & Co. this week, and if we are to judge from the appearance of the workroom, it is a very busy place. The foreman, Mr. William Smith, is without question a practical man in all branches of the art of broom making, and we have on our desk two samples of his production that are very creditable to the trade. We are informed by Mr. Smith that he can make a broom complete in five minutes. There has been much talk in Townsend over the wager of Mr. Lynam with one of his fellow-townsmen, where he (Mr. Lynam) made a broom in eleven minutes, but while Townsend is a very progressive town, we are without a doubt entitled to claim the honor of having the champion broom maker. Next!

WANTED—Correspondent in all of our sister towns for THE TRANSCRIPT.

300,000 Early Cabbage Plants for sale. E. J. STEEL, Florist, Middletown, Del.

The beautiful cantata "The Enchanted Wood," at the Opera House, February 15th.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

To FARMERS.—Cash paid for eggs at Armstrong's. We want all the eggs we can get.

Dr. F. H. Moore will preach at Armstrong's Chappel to morrow afternoon. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisment in another column of this issue of J. Warner Brockson, of Odessa.

Mr. John Buehm will move his family from Chesapeake City, Md., on February 26th, to the house adjoining Mr. James Crouch, on East Main street.

FARM WAGONS FOR SALE.—I have on hand several farm wagons and light wagons, of my own make all at reasonable prices. G. W. PETERSON.

Rural mail boxes are under the protection of the postal laws; any person who shall tamper with or destroy them is liable to a fine of $500 and imprisonment for not more than three years.

Mr. James H. Burrows has rented the room of Mr. John Armstrong on West Main street, and will remove his tobacco store and news stand on or about March 1st, next.

The paper hanger and the painters brush have added much to the appearance of the store room of Mr. H. C. DeValinger in the Opera House building during the past few days.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that I am now making my rounds testing weights and measures for the year 1901.
P. J. LYNCH.
Sealer of weights and measures.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson advertises in another column a large reduction in prices on her large stock of merchandise. A call will convince the shopper that there are many bargains to be had at the East End store.

FOR RENT.—The DWELLING on East Main street, now occupied by George S. Richards. Also the large STABLE near the National Hotel, now in the tenure of Middletown Creamery. Possessions given to each 25th March 1901. G. E. HUKILL.

I will have on exhibition in front of my store on February 13th and 14th, the largest show beef ever killed in this section. This steer was fed on the farm of Elliot and Hossinger near Newark, and weighs 2,200 pounds.
H. C. DEVALINGER.

The New Century Club's program for next Tuesday afternoon is: "The Boer and his Country," Mrs. Gray Taylor; "South African War from a British Point of View," Miss Vinie Lynch; Defense of the Boers," Mrs. I. S. Vallandigham.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to morrow evening is: "If Christ Should Come To-morrow." 1 Thess. 5:1,2,4-8. George F. Wilson, leader.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "If Christ Should Come To-morrow." 1 Thess. 5:1,2,4-8. Dr. G. B. Pearson leader.

The Farmers' Institute of New Castle County will hold a meeting in the Comegys' Building on West Main street February 11th. There will be many subjects brought before the meeting of importance, and the farmer who tries to keep himself posted on the advanced methods in agricultural products should be present.

Mr. James L. Dickinson residing on the "Locust Lawn" farm about two miles South of town is contemplating arrangements for a park on a very pretty location of his farm. The spot selected we understand joins "Silver Lake," and if put in order would be a very attractive local resort. Mr. Dickinson has not fully decided on the new park, but in an interview Thursday said he had the matter under consideration.

It will pay you if you are going to erect a fence to call on J. F. McWhorter & Son before you buy, they are handling the well known Page and American fences and are making an extra push on fence this year. They have contracted for several car load lots and are selling it very close to catch the trade. They have a car load of the different styles on hand now. They would be pleased to have you examine this fence and get the prices.

The artistic and very beautifully decorated windows of the TRANSCRIPT's neighbor, J. G. Bragdon & Co., is attracting the attention of all the visitors to our town. The trimmings which were so tastefully arranged by Mr. Bragdon, are of a deep purple hue, and displayed in the window is a large assortment of the Armour's fine art toilet soap, which is so arranged as to add much to the beauty of the decorations, and as on former occasion the above named gentleman has done himself proud in his last undertaking in decorating.

Wait for the entertainment and oyster supper to be given in the Middletown Opera House on Wednesday evening February 20th. It promises to be the greatest attractions of the season. The program, which will be a patriotic one, is sure to be well rendered, and the gentlemen of Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. having the arrangement in hand, are hustlers, and will give a good account of themselves on the evening of the 20th. See ad.

The remains of Mr. Charles E. Clayton, Sr., brother of Joshua Clayton, Jr., of this town, were brought to Middletown Thursday and taken to the Bethel Cemetery for interment. Service were held at his late residence, Philadelphia, Wednesday evening, and brief services were held at the church Thursday morning. He was born in Middletown, about 62 years ago, but has resided in Philadelphia for about ten years. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter to mourn his death. Deceased was a member of Unnion Lodge, No. 5, A. F. and A. M., of this town, and a large number of the order accompanied the remains of their dead brother to his last resting place.

It is with pleasure we are able to present to our readers this week the advertisement, of The Record's Roller Mills, situated at Forest post office, Blackbird hundred. Mr. M. Record's the genial proprietor, is a gentleman who has devoted the most of his life to the milling business, and for those who have not paid his mill a visit recently, he has a surprise in store. The plant is complete in every respect, with the latest and most modern facilities for producing the very best qualities of flour. The mill has a capacity of 50 barrels per day, and Mr. Record's only asks a trial to convince the most fastidious of the quality of his flour and merrit of his new process in the milling industry. All communications from patrons will receive prompt attention and a share of the patronage of our people is solicited. The three brands of flour advertised in these columns are only a few of his many productions, and he guarantees all brands to give the best of satisfaction.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. G. N. Hazell has returned from Smyrna.

Mr. Harry H. Hall was in Baltimore on Monday.

Mr. W. T. Connellee spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Hezekiah Scott, was a Dover visitor this week.

Miss Elizabeth J. Hopkins is visiting friends in Townsend.

Mrs. John Webb has returned from a visit to Wilmiugton.

Mr. Isaac Green has returned from a trip to Philadelphia.

Mr. Charles Dickson spent Sunday with his parents in Elkton.

Mrs. J. B. Bratton is spending sometime in Reading, Pa.

Miss Patton Cochran is visiting her sister at Trenton, N. J.

Mr. Walter Staats, of Taylor's Bridge, was in town yesterday.

Mr. Robert L. Johnson attended court in Wilmington Tuesday.

Miss Edna Cleaver was a Wednesday visitor in Wilmington.

Miss May Morgan, of Chestertown, is visiting Miss Sara Cochran.

Mrs. Gobleib Ihle, of Wilmington, was a visitor in town this week.

Mrs. J. R. Brown is visiting relatives and friends at Reading, Pa.

Miss Bessie Carter was the guest of her mother at Odessa Sunday.

Mr. Alexander Walmsley, of Philadelphia, was in town last Saturday.

Mrs. James Collins and son William, spent Thursday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Edward Staats, of Wilmington, is visiting his son, Mr. Ralph Staats.

Miss Blanche Cochran is spending some time with friends in Barre, Mass.

Miss Sophia Schriver spent several days with her sister, near McDonough.

Mr. Albert P. Alexander, of Wilmington, was a Monday visitor in town.

Mr. Clifton Hynson, of Centreville, Md., visited friends here Saturday.

Miss Mary Maxwell spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Vinie Lynch.

Miss May Webb was the guest of Miss Lillian Cole, in Wilminton Sunday.

Mr. Charles Jones, of Philadelphia, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. L. Parsons.

Miss Fannie Burstan is in Philadelphia this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Harry Brady, of Swarthmore, Pa., is visiting his parents near town.

Miss Ada Cochran is entertaining Miss Daisy McAlier, of Brooklyn, N. Y., this week.

Mr. Stewart Cleaver and sister, Miss Elsie, were Philadelphia visitors this week.

Mr. Oscar Lane, of Camden, N. J., spent a few days with his parents near town.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bradley and daughter spent Sunday with friends in Odessa.

Mr. Frank Cochran and son, of Galena, visited Mr. Richard Cochran on Green street.

Misses Sara, Agnes and Bessie Cochran attended the Galena dance Thursday evening.

Mr. E. Sparks. of Elkton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Lee on Saturday.

Mrs. Samuel Fennimore, of Woodberry, N. J., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Reynolds.

Mr. Harry D. Johnson, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. W. H. Johnson.

Miss Phoebe Cochran, of New Jersey, spent several days of last week with Mrs. William Connellee.

We are pleased to state that the condition of Dr. R. B. McKee was somewhat better last evening.

Mrs. Howard Poole and Mrs. George Janvier are visiting Mrs. Henry Schroeder, of Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. Randolph Geary and sister, Miss Bertha, were guests of friends and relatives in Wilmington Sunday.

Mrs. Rachel Connor entertained during the past week, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Connor and Miss Mable Connor.

Mr. Frank D. Suydam attended the Camden-Bristol basket ball game last Saturday evening in Camden, N. J.

Mr. Edward Bloome, formerly of this town, but now of Philadelphia, has accepted a position with Mr. Paul Weber here.

Misses Ethel Lofland, of McDonough, and Nora Armstrong, of Odessa, were entertained Sunday by Mrs. Margaret Darlington.

Mr. Charles Griffith, who left a short time ago for Centreville, Md., has returned and has taken his old position with the Middletown Shirt Company.

Mr. Samuel Kelley in writing to a friend from Florida this week, stated that he was improving in health. His many friends in this section will learn with pleasure of his improvement.

Rev. E. W. Caswell is visiting his son, Rev. Lincoln H. Caswell, at Morris Park, Long Island, this week. An extensive revival is now in progress on that charge and Mr. Caswell is engaged to assist his son, preaching every night during his visit. He will return for pulpit services to-morrow.

ADVERTISE IN THE TRANSCRIPT

THE PYTHIAN WHEEL

On Saturday evening September 20th, 1900, the members of Damon Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias of this town, visited Lafayette Lodge, No. 2, of Wilmington, and started the "Pythian Wheel." Since that time the wheel has rolled into eleven other lodges in New Castle County, and has added a spoke at each revolution. On Saturday night last the Wheel was completed by the twelve lodges, or members representing them coming to Middletown and rolling into Damon Lodge about 75 strong. The Knights from Diamond Lodge, No. 16 had a surprise for the local brethren and the visitors as well, in the shape of a real Wheel of thirteen, typical of the sentimental wheel formed. The wheel is painted in the emblematic colors of the order, the hub being blue, the spokes yellow and the rim and the tire being of rubber, emblematic of the elastic quality of the friendship that binds these men into one common band of brothers. State Senator B. A. Groves left off trying to elect a U. S. Senator long enough to be present, and by his happy eloquence captivated all present in his presentation speech. Although taken entirely by surprise, Grand Representative Jos. A. Suydam rose to the occasion and accepted the gift on behalf of Damon Lodge. This wheel is now on exhibition in the window of W.S. Letherbury, hardware store. This was only one of the happy events of the evening, as many of the brothers were called upon and favored the assembly with songs or speeches. To name all would be tiresome but mention must be made of the speeches of Supreme Representative J. H. Scott and P. C., W. W. Knowles, of No. 8; P. C., E. Hawke, of No. 2, was called upon to tell why he was not a "kicker," and Bro. McKinsey, of No. 5 had to explain why his Lodge could not have his services as attendant in the future. The songs of G. O. C., C. H. Lippincott and G. I. G., W. H. Berger brought down the house. After the program in the lodge room had been completed, adjournment was made to the rooms of the Volunteer Hose Company where the members and visitors partook of the following menu:

Terrapin
Biscuit — Rolls
Ham
Potato Salad — Pickles
Coffee

The visitors returned on the Norfolk express thoroughly pleased and assured of the fact that Damon Lodge has good fellows in all its membership. The Grand Chancellor E. T. Beeson, attended by a full staff of Officers installed the following officers of Damon Lodge for the present turn, and his work was done in a manner to call forth many congratulations: G. C., Frank L. Cates; V. C., Harry S. Beaston; Pre., William B. Kates; M. W., Dr. C. A. Ritchie; K. R. & S., Jos. C. Joll,; M. F., G. Ellis; M. Ex., L. B. Lee; M. A. George N. Dickinson; J. G., George W. Price; O. G., W. A. Hukill, Jr. Among the visitors present were: O. C., E. Bernon; S. W. C., Chas. Lippincott; S. M. A., L. M. Whiteman; S. I. G., S. J. Beck; G. O. G., W. H. Berger; S. R., J. H. Scott; P. C. Edward Hawke, P. B. S., H. P. Simons; P. G. C., W. T. Limeoln; P. G. C. Messrs. W. A. Mullin and R. H. Williams; P. C. Messrs. F. S. Bradley, Harry Waddington, John Barnes, McGurgle and Bowlden. Messrs. B. S. Groves, H. B. Battis and Atners.

"THE POVERTIE SOSHUL"

Last Friday evening over one hundred and twenty-five persons attended the "Povertie Soshul" held at the home of M. B. Burris Esq., for the benefit of the primary department of the M. E. Sunday-school.

At early "Kandle Liten," the "wimmen" in their cotton gown's, apron's, hoods and sun-bonnetts, began to arrive. Some of the ladies were dressed in becoming wool and silk, for which they were charged a fine, but most of the company came in inexpensive attire. The men, minus the biled shirts, with patches on their knees, were much in evidence. Each guest was inspected by the "Kommitty" to see how near they came within the "Rewls and Regulashuns." Much amusement was afforded in the levying of fines—no one escaped, for it was glasses, two cents, no glasses, one cent, etc. Those wearing rings, breast-pins, cuffs, collars etc. had to pay the fines, but each one proved a willing subject. Music and readings were the literary features of the evening. In the kitchen the merry party was treated to Boston baked beans, brown bread, doughnuts and ginger cakes. If one indulged in a tin cup of black coffee they were charged two cents—the added luxury of cream and sugar cost them three cents. The table looked very quaint set with old dishes, steel knives and forks—candles in old fashioned brass candle-sticks.

The dinning-room table was tastefully spread; here you could buy pumpkin pies, huckleberry pies—cake and home-made candy. Long before the company left the ladies in charge of this table had gone out of business for lack of supplies. Every one seemed to have a pleasant time, and the "Kommitty" were delighted with the proceeds, amounting to over thirty-five dollars.

ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils of Middletown public schools have attained an average of 90 per cent or over for the month of January.

DEPARRMENT No. 1. Esther Shallcross, Louise McDowell, Elsie Jones, James Davis, Elias Shallcross, Jeannette Schreitz Elizabeth Savin, Edith Allee, Sylvia Moore, Sylvia Arthurs, Joseph Comegys, Josephine Salmon, Grace Parvis.

DEPARTMENT No. 2. Lizzie Holten, Grover Bendler, May Kumpel, Maude Deakyne, Lillian Solway, Clarence Donovan, George Allee, Mary Lewis, Esther Davis, Douglas Lockwood, Edna Banning, Victor Jones, Alverda Edwards, Josephine Cochran, Viola Downey.

DEPARTMENT No. 3. Agnes Clothier, Emily Allee, Ada Scott, Norman Cleaver, Flora Blome,

DDPARTMENT No. 4. Mary Husbebeck Florence Brown, Mary Richards, Bessie Wright, Joseph Walker, Elsie Boulden, Sophie Blome, Bertha Jones, Anna Shallcross, Leonora Davis.

DEPARTMENT No. 5 Nellie Pyle, Lena Weber, Rosy Weber, Leah Berkmen, Grace Connelly, Lily Bennington, Effie Gears, Mabel Dawson, Elsie Byron, Miriam Berkman, Elsie Warren, Willie Wright, Charley Smith, Agustus Savin,

ODESSA HAPPENINGS

Mr. F. B. Watkins was in Wilmington Tuesday.

Miss Vehua Moore spent Sunday in Odessa.

Miss Frances S. Williams is a Philadelphia visitor.

Mrs. John G. Armstrong was a Philadelphia visitor Wednesday.

Miss Frances Watkins who has been suffering from tonsilitis is much better.

Miss Sara Fox left for Ridley Park, Pa., Tuesday morning where she expects to stay some time.

Miss Martha Townsend is visiting her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Scott, of Wilmington.

Miss Nora Armstrong, of Odessa, and Miss Ethel Lofland, of McDonough were Middletown visitors Sunday.

Miss May Smith entertained a number of friends at the residence of her uncle, Mr. Satterfield, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Shallcross entertained Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schallcross, of Philadelphia, over Sunday.

Mr. Hugh Morris, of Greenwood, stopped at Odessa over Sunday, on his way to Wilmington where he is studying law.

Miss Ethel L. Mailly left for West Chester Wednesday morning where she expected to join the Seniors of the Normal School on their annual trip to Washington.

Mrs. D. W. Corbit is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William F. Curtis, of Newark; and on Thursday attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Delaware Hospital, as representative of the Odessa branch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Williams have returned from Philadelphia where they were called by the illness of his sister, Miss Mary Williams, her illness resulting from a fall a few weeks ago, at last reports she was very much improved.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Hannah Staats is quite ill of pneumonia.

Mr. George Staats who has been ill with grip is improving.

Mr. P. B. Merritt celebrated his 21st birthday on Tuesday.

Miss Annie Beatty, of North East, was the guest of Miss Elsie Marsh, on Sunday.

Mr. Brown and family have been visiting his brother, J. McLain Brown this week.

Master Joseph Carroll, while playing with some of his schoolmates, fell and fractured his limb.

Miss Carrie Sinnickson and nephew, Master Joseph Gibbs, of Masseys, are the guests of Miss Blanche V. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilson entertained a number of their relatives at a birthday dinner on Wednesday, it being his 24th birthday.

A shooting match of live birds took place Thursday in Mr. John McCrone's field, near town. Mr. James Mulford, of Galena, captured first prize.

The Christian Endeavor Social was held at the home of Mrs. B. S. Hall on Thursday evening. Quite a large number were present and a bountiful feast was served.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	.72	Corn—	
No. 2	.70	Yellow, shelled	40
Timothy Seed	$1.80	" cob	40
Clover Seed	7½c	Oats	30

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	20@22
Country Butter, per lb	22@25
Creamery Butter, per lb	27
Lard, per lb	8@10
Live Chickens, per lb	8@10
Ducks, Dressed, per lb	10@12
Potatoes, per basket	35@40

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Dinner Sets, 100 pieces, beautifully decorated in pretty shades of blue and green, they are imported porcelain china, well worth $2.00, **$8.96.**

Dinner Sets of 100 pieces, decorated with sprays, traced with gold, worth every cent of $16.00, **$12.00.**

Dinner Sets of 100 pieces, decorated with neat sprays, in pink flowers, traced with pure gold, the real value $20.00, **$16.50.**

Toilet Sets of 8 pieces, beautifully decorated, manufacturers' samples **$2.38.**

Toilet Sets of 12 pieces of fine porcelain ware, beautifully decorated with flowers, traced with gold, worth $10.00, **$7.00.**

Toilet Sets of 12 pieces fine porcelain China, in blue and green, traced with gold, real value $7.00, **$5.90.**

The above lot of Sets were purchased at **25** to **35** per cent. below market value.

Notions at Surprisingly LOW PRICES.

It has been well said, "A penny saved is a penny earned, and if one looks after the pennies the dollars will look after themselves." Here is a chance to make practical and profitable use of the pennies.

Needles, all sizes, **1c** paper.
Six Hook Sets Corset Steels, **5c.**
P. N. Cork protected Corset Steels, **8c.**
10c Curling Irons, **3c.**
Dress Makers Tracing Wheels, **3c.**
6 inch Scissors, **7c.**
Best Steel Hair Pins, **2c** paper.
Black Dress Pins, in boxes, **2c.**
French Horn Hair Pins, **1c** each.
De Long Hooks and Eyes, all sizes, black and white **8c** card, or **4c** dozen.
Fine Quality Stockinet Dress Shields, **8c.**
Silk Stitch Bone Casing, **1c** yard.
Dress Makers Pins, all sizes, the 5c kind **1c** paper.
Heavy Nickle Plated Safety Pins, **2c** dozen.
Sewing Machine Oil, 4 oz. bottle, **3c.**
Best Corset Strings, 1¼ yards long, **1c.**
200 yards Spool Basting Cotton, **2c.**
Clark's O. N. T. Spool Cotton, 200 yards **50c** dozen.
100 yards Best Thread, black and white, **4c** spool.
Cotton Tape, all width, **2c** roll.
O. N. T. Knitting Cotton, on spools, **2c.**
Dexter's Knitting Cotton, large balls, **5c.**
Lamb Wool Slipper Soles, 25c kind, **19c.**
The "Triumph" Dress Stays, **8c** dozen.
The "Coraline" Dress Stays, **23c** dozen.

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MEN'S SUITS $5.50

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Men's all-wool Mixed Cheviot Suits, 10 different patterns of material—fabrics of Clifton Mills, good all-wool cheviots, that are guaranteed to wear satisfactory, every garment cut and made under union regulation. These suits represent the best example of the tailoring art, are well lined with good quality Italian cloth lining and every seam silk sewed. We have all sizes, 34 to 42, not a suit in the lot that is worth less than $1.00, we've marked them for quick sale at **$5.50.**

A large Extra Heavy Storm Overcoat, **$3.98.**

A Large Storm Overcoat, heavy wool lined, large storm collar, this coat is well made and will give excellent wear, all sizes, 34 to 44 breast measure, and are guaranteed to be worth **$6.00.**

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In addition to the flour mill we have two pair large buhr stones for table meal and buckwheat; also feed and cob meal, of which we make the finest quality in a few minutes, or exchange as desired. The grinding of corn by stone, and especially cob corn, is regarded as safer and better by reason of crushing instead of cutting as is done by steel.

We have a sheller, 100 bushel per hour capacity, for convenience of our patrons.

Custom from a distance especially solicited. Flour in stock for sale or exchange; also mill feeds of all kinds. We make three (3) established brands of flour. Can make eight, (8) thereby accomodating anyone in special brands, or particular quality. Our Brands are:

New Era. Synonymous of the completion of our new mill and the beginning of our business at the commencement of another century; also new and modern method of milling—The Gyrator System. This brand (produced from the first reduction) is granular, white with delicate golden shade, and very dry. Considered the best quality. Sold for highest prices, and known in the trade as "Patent."

Union. This brand of flour, made from best, selected, hard, winter wheat, after thorough purification. It includes all the nutritious portions of the whole grain, and known on the market as "Straight," and especially appreciated for the combination of strength, color and flavor.

Fine Mechanically. "Commercially known as Clear," is the resultant product of "New Era," or "Patent," a favorite with many excellent bread makers. Is white, soft (mechanically) and light; also, cheaper, and has been erroneously classified as our best flour, in comparison with the best product of other mills.

The above brands we are careful to keep at their high standard of excellency; and these observations made with reference to their respective composition and quality are suggestions to help you in selections. Ask your grocer for them: Have no other. Try them, and if not well satisfied, your money will be refunded.

Inquiries, or orders by mail will receive prompt attention.

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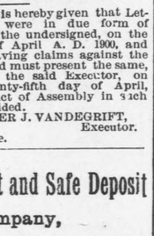

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. . . The Recoil of a Rose . . .

BY EVA ERSKINE BRANT

WHEN ELIZABETH ARMstrong started for an indefinite stay in the quiet college-town of Morganville, accompanied by her cousin, it was with the distinct understanding between herself and that young lady's mother that Tessa was not to know the real reason for their sudden flight into the country. But it seems that they had not taken Tessa's powers of penetration sufficiently into consideration; for they had not been a week in the place when she demurely unfolded their whole scheme for her cousins benefit.

Miss Armstrong was aghast at this sudden collapse of their plot, and mentally composed a letter to be sent off at once to her aunt. But, meanwhile, there was Tessa to be managed. She thought she might try the effect of coaxing as a means of conciliation, since the girl had been rather badly treated in being brought down to the place under false pretenses.

"But you'll behave down here, won't you. "You will not write to him, or let him discover your address? Auntie will be so vexed with me! I am so stupid about acting a part. You will not write and let him know where you are, will you, dear?"

"I'll see," was the cautious reply. "I'm pretty well occupied with the professor, at present; but if he fails to be amusing, I will not promise to be good any longer. You and mamma ought to be ashamed of yourselves to deceive me in this way, and you both deserve to be kept in suspense as to my motives. No, I will not promise anything.

Miss Armstrong sighed. The charge that her aunt had laid upon her had suddenly assumed proportions upon which neither had calculated. Here was this incorrigible girl, smuggled out of the city to prevent a threatened mesalliance there, now turning the full batteries of her charms upon a poor, obscure gentleman of middle age, highly cultivated, but possessing no social position whatever, though of irreproachable birth and breeding. It was a danger more threatening than the other one, and Miss Armstrong was at loss how to avert it. She had an uncomfortable feeling that Tessa was managing her, instead of being managed; and now that Tessa had been deceived once, she would not trust them again. No wonder Miss Armstrong sighed.

Her charge had been tractable enough at the first,—perhaps wickedly waiting to see what the two plotters would do next; but since they had made the acquaintance of this Professor of Greek at the College of Morganville, the girl had taken things in her own hands altogether. The thought of the professor brought up another subject that had been upon Miss Armstrong's mind.

"Tessa," she said, with gentle diffidence, "I want to talk with you about Professor Stanhope. Do you not think, dear child, that you could be a little more dignified while in his presence, and yet enjoy yourself just as much? He is so much older than you that—that I am afraid your teasing ways irritate him just a trifle."

Tessa was silent. They had repaired to their favorite haunt that afternoon, the tower of the ruins which were the show-place of the town, and Elizabeth stood leaning against the stone window-frame looking down upon her cousin as she sat upon the floor at her feet with her lap full of the roses she had gathered from the luxuriant bushes in the old gardens surrounding the ruins.

"You understand me, Tessa?"

"Yes," replied the girl, without looking up. "But for whom do you fear, Lizzie?—for the professor, or for me?"

For the professor? Something clutched at the older woman's heart at that thought, for it had not occoured to her before. Was she to fear for him?—and for what? She was glad that she was standing with her back toward the window at the moment, with her face in shadow.

"I do not know why I should fear for the professor," she said, presently, in a constrained voice. "What put such an idea into your head?"

"You."

"I?"

"Yes. Lizzie, you are blushing!" the girl said, remorselessly, and of course the face of her companion immediately became scarlet. "You are finding a mote in my eye regardless of the beam in your own. It is I who should fear the professor and not you. Now I have long wanted to talk with you about your behavior while in this gentleman's presence. Do you not think, dear, that you could be a little less dignified when with him, and yet enjoy yourself just as much? I'm afraid that your frozen manners chill him a trifle."

Miss Armstrong smiled, in spite of herself, although her lips trembled and her sight became blurred for a moment. She walked away from the window and sat down on a block of stone with her face averted from Tessa's mischievous gaze. Under the guise of that laughing glance Tessa had watched her cousin narrowly.

They had seen a great deal of the Greek scholar of late, and had become pretty well acquainted with him; but neither girl knew in just what light the other regarded him. Tessa's laughing, tasting ways might mean everything or nothing at all, and Elizabeth's stately calm was equally inscrutable; thus, quite unconsciously, the two had fallen into the habit of watching each other closely, although this was the first time that the subject had been openly alluded to between them. It is to be doubted whether anything had been learned, during the interview, on either side, after all.

As for the gentleman, he treated both ladies with the same grave courtesy, whose very stateliness was a constant challenge to the irrepressible spirit of Tessa. At times she would tease and worry him to the verge of madness, and the next instant, with her coaxing, lovable ways, he would be ready to laugh at his irritation and look upon her as a naughty, spoiled child, and as such to receive extreme indulgence at his hands.

It was in recalling all this that Elizabeth had been induced to remonstrate with her.

She took up some needlework and sewed nervously upon it, meditating upon the best course to pursue. At the same moment Tessa threw most of her roses to the floor, and, leaning out of the window, she looked back along the path toward the woods. The breeze was blowing her brown curls over her eyes, and she brushed them away repeatedly, with a pretty, unconscious grace of gesture. Elizabeth watched her admiringly. Impulsive and incorrigible as the girl was, she was the idol of her cousin's heart.

"What do you see, darling?" she asked, smilingly; but Tessa either did not, or would not hear her, for she continued to stare fixedly in the same direction until Elizabeth's curiosity would no longer endure it, and she came and leaned out of the window beside her. Tessa drew back at once as she did so.

"What do you see?" she asked, teasingly.

"The professor!" Elizabeth exclaimed, with a start and a blush; and just then a rose, well aimed, flew over her shoulder and struck the professor squarely upon the arm. Of course he started, then glanced up hurriedly; and, equally of course, it was too late for poor Elizabeth to retreat out of sight before he saw her. He lifted his hat with the grave courtesy which characterized him, picked up the innocent beauty at his feet, and passed on.

Elizabeth stepped back into the room, and with a low cry put up both hands to cover her burning cheeks. Tessa watched her, startled, then caught the two hands in hers imploringly.

"Don't act that way, Lizzie," she cried, remorsefully. "I was only in fun.

It was such a good opportunity to shock him; he looked so awfully thoughtful and unconscious that I could not resist it."

"Don't touch me!" cried Elizabeth, dragging her hands away from the imploring clasp. "Oh, Tessa! how could you do it, and when you knew that I cared for him! What will he think of me?—Oh, it was cruel,—heartless of you!" And the calm, reserved Elizabeth burst into tears.

This unusual sight and astonishing revelation was too much for Tessa; and without a word she turned and ran out of the room. Elizabeth heard the distant patter of the flying feet, and silently praying that there might be no sequal to this crowning mortification, gathered herself and belongings mournfully together, and descended toward their lodgings.

Meanwhile, the professor had gone on his way through the woods. The poor rose lay carefully stowed away in an inner pocket of his coat, and with his hands clasped learnedly behind him he had resumed, to all outward appearances, the tenor of his thoughts. He was smiling at the moment, and perhaps those thoughts could not have been occupied with an abstruse problem, after all; for he turned somewhat eagerly when he heard the sound of running feet behind him, and seemed all in the present in an instant.

It was certainly a startling sight which he beheld. A slight, girlish figure was flying toward him at a most astonishing rate of speed; the blue ribbons were fluttering musically in the wind, and every sunny brown curl was a-bobbing wildly. The lips were parted and the breath coming in hurried gasps.

"Professor!" she cried, frantically; and as he paused she slackened her speed and finally walked demurely up to him. A prettier, sweeter, naughtier face could not be found for many a day, and his eyes brightened as he saw it. However, he waited deliberately for her to begin, which she did, and lamely enough, drawing her ribbon nervously through her fingers and looking at him coaxingly from under her lashes. But he would not help her.

"Professor, I—I—wanted to speak to you."

"So I am led to infer, Miss Dufferies."

"Well, but—I—I—really do, professor," smiling at him with anxious sweetness. "I—you know—I—I am awfully sorry."

"It was you, then, who struck me with the rose?"

"Oh, yes," hurriedly, "of course it was I. Elizabeth couldn't—I mean wouldn't, do such a thing; but of course you knew that? I wanted to shock you out of your oblivion, you looked so painfully good and proper; and so when I had succeeded in making Elizabeth look out of the window just at the right moment, I threw the rose at you so that you would think she had done it."

He smiled in spite of himself, she looked so throughly sweet and wicked, and with just a touch of repentance to heighten her charms.

"I'm afraid that it was wasted cleverness, Miss Dufferies, for I did not for instant suspect Miss Armstrong of having committed the deed; you were too plainly visible behind her. You are a very naughty girl. What shall I do to punish you?"

"I don't know," looking down at the small boot that was nervously rubbing the green moss in the path, and feeling decidedly flat. "I think, though, that I have been punished enough already, for that stupid old rose had an ugly thorn on it, and it has torn my hand dreadfully. Just see that!"

"So it has," lifting the small member, which she held out to him for inspection, very gently in his. "This is too bad. Poor little hand! it has been cruelly torn. Its owner can be generous, though, and for that we must forgive her I suppose, and try to ease the pain she is suffering. She does not often pause in her mischief to consider the pain she may inflict upon others; but the impulsive heart behind the pranks is kindness itself, and that fact alone makes forgiveness easy."

He was slowly and carefully binding about the lacerated hand his snowy handkerchief, which he had torn into strips, and of course his eyes were fastened upon his task, where they ought to have been; it was therefore impossible for him to have been aware of the tears which had gathered in her eyes at the thought of the pain which she had given to poor Elizabeth that very afternoon, and he was not a little startled when a large bright drop fell down upon the back of his hand and then ran off to the ground. He looked at her hurriedly.

"My child,—my dear child!" he exclaimed, in a low tone; and then she had snatched her hand away from his suddenly tightened clasp, and was sobbing as though her heart would break. It was the first time he had ever seen her bright face clouded, even by a frown. He stood looking at her in silence, his face very pale.

"Tessa, don't cry that way," he said at last in a harsh voice. "Why do you distress yourself about so small a matter? Hush, do hush, my child, I want to speak to you. Shall I tell you where the rose lies at this moment? You will not laugh at me? Well, then, see; here it is, next to my heart. Remember, you promised not to laugh at me; and now I will tell you something more laughable even than that. I put the rose there safely because I knew that your hand had held it, you little witch!—yes, your hand, and it was precious to me through that knowledge. Don't start and change color that way, for you can't escape me, and I know that you will not laugh at me,—now, at least. You must hear my confession first, and then I will let you go. No, I know what you are trying to tell me, you did not know that the grave, stupid professor had learned to love you; but he has. He hid his love carefully, little one, for he dreaded those mischievous brown eyes of yours; but now it will be hidden no longer. Tessa, my whole soul cries aloud for you. I love you,—I love you, my sweet!"

He had taken her hand again, and was holding it in both his own in a close, beseeching clasp. His face was still very pale, and his eyes were regarding her with a wistful uncertainty and eagerness. She stood there mutely before him, white to the lips; for Elizabeth's stricken face had arisen before her and seemed forbidding this happiness which had come to her. All her loving, generous, impulsive soul rose up in answer to that pleading light in her cousin's eyes. "When you knew that I cared for him!" Yes, when she knew,—and she knew now. She raised her head with an effort and met his ardent gaze.

"Hush," she said, in a choked voice, "hush, there is another;" and before he could keep her, or question her regarding her enigmatical words, she had broken from him and was running back over the path by which she had come, with the tears blinding her as she ran.

"Where have you been, Tessa?" It was too dark for Elizabeth to see the face of her cousin as she bent down and put her arms about her, but she felt troubled by the strange quiet of the girl's manner. "Forgive you, sweetheart? Of course I forgive you. I shall always forgive you, you foolish child, no matter what you say or do. What is this you are saying? "Going home to-morrow ?"

"Yes, and in the early train. You shall pack my trunk and send it after me, and I will go on to Newport to mamma. I will send for you in a week or two, dear, but please don't leave Morganville until then. Good-night, dear, patient Lizzie." And with another warm embrace she went into her room and closed the door.

A great bowl of her abandoned roses stood upon her centertable, filling the room with their rich odor. It was a sweet and silent token of her full forgiveness on the part of Elizabeth, but it cut the girl to the quick. She went over to them, and kneeling down encircled them with her arms and buried her face remorsefully in the sweetness of their fragrance.

A few weeks later one of the finest steamers on the Cunard line held three names upon its passenger-list which were of considerable interest to many. They were those of Mrs. Tellman-Dufferies, Miss Tellman-Dufferies, and Miss Elizabeth B. Armstrong.

The weather throughout the trip was delightful, but despite that fact and her many luxuries, the charperon of the party grumbled the whole way out because her plans for the summer had suffered such a bewildering change. During some of these attacks her neice undertook to mitigate her misery by calling her attention to the unimpeachable conduct of her daughter, in whom a startling reformation had taken place. In fact, it was easy to see that Tessa had not been the same since those weeks spent in Morganville. She was sweetness and gentlness itself; and once or twice Elizabeth had surprised her in a long, wistful gaze fixed upon herself, the tenderness of which was positive pain to her. It was so throughout that first year they spent abroad; but at the expiration of the third year something of the old Tessa asserted itself, and just when Mrs. Tellman-Dufferies had fully decided to remain abroad for at least two years longer, she found herself, her maid, bag and baggage, aboard the "Paris," bound for home. It was useless to expostulate with Tessa; for if she wanted to return to America, to America they must go.

The girl was feverishly restless that first day out, and her face looked worn, with the eyes strained and wistful. The day was foggy and cold, with stray bits of sunshine struggling through the mist, and but few of the saloon passengers seemed to care to haunt the deck. But Elizabeth was there, looking very happy and contented in the society of an American gentleman whom she had met in Berlin, and who was very devotedly tucking her rugs about her as she reclined in her steamer-chair.

Feeling herself de trop, despite their efforts to the contrary, Tessa had wandered off by herself and leaned upon the railing, pensively regarding the water.

"Miss Dufferies,—Tessa, have I found you at last?"

At that voice all the blood in the girl's body seemed to rush to her heart and still its beating, and then returned in a flood to her cheeks. She clutched the railing convulsively.

"Professor Stanhope!" she exclaimed in a low tone, but the gladness in her her face was unmistakable. Seeing her agitation he laid his hand over the one on the railing, with a soothing touch which quieted her.

"Forgive me, I have frightened you. I should have warned you of my approach; but the gladness and surprise of seeing you mastered me, and I for got all else. I have been abroad, in Athens, Greece, for a year, and am now returning; and you—ah, but I have watched your journeyings here and there, following you through the papers. I have not lost track of you once since you left me. But I would not intrude myself upon you, because I was a coward,—I feared to discover something. Do you know what it was, little one?"

The girl's head drooped and a hot blush dyed her cheeks.

"Answer me, Tessa, I deserve it," bending his head lower. "Where is my rival?"

"He no longer exists," she said speaking with an effort, and trying, even in this critical moment of her life, to hide that long-dead secret of Elizabeth's.

"Ah!" The professor was shielding from the wind some fragile thing he had taken from a Russia-leather pocket-book. "They both have served their purpose, then," he added, smilingly, and laid the withered roses upon her hand. "Has the wound from its thorn healed yet, my darling?"

"It has now," she said, looking up into his face with bright, smiling eyes; and his hand closed passionately over the shy fingers she had slipped into his grasp.—*Demorests Family Magazine.*

FORECAST FOR 1901

Astrologer Tells What the Stars Portend for the Ensuing Year

The outlook for the year is not as bright and prosperous as we would like it to be in many respects, and yet it could be worse.

As we take a careful look at the sun, as it entered Capricorn on December 22, 1900, we will see that the first aspect formed was a conjunction with Saturn all powerful by being in its own sign, where he was in the eventful year 1873. And Jupiter will also enter Capricorn before February is past. Jupiter is in its fall, by being in this sign, has little power for prosperity for the masses. Mars is in Leo, and the sign Leo is on the eastern horizon. Mars is powerful in Leo, and more so by being in the ascendant. (Prosperity for warriors). For the first three months of 1901, Mars indicates an unusual amount of accidents, fires, loss of property, many strikes and threatened strikes, and danger of disputes with foreign nations. Saturn is in the sixth house, the house of sickness, which indicates an unusual amount of sickness, verging on a pestilence; disease of the nature of ague, fevers, diphtheria, etc., and many will mourn the loss of their friends and relatives through the land.

Mercury rules the second house of the horoscope, the house of money, and it is in evil aspect to Uranus and Mars. This also is evil, as many who are foolish enough to speculate will lose all they have. Speculation will run wild at times during the year.

The sun enters Aries, on March 21, 1901. The sign Capricorn ascends with Saturn on the ascendant. Mercury in the mid-heaven and Uranus in the twelfth house. The sun in strong aspect to Jupiter in some respects three months after March are better than the first three months have been, although many large concerns as well as small ones, will close their doors. This is the cycle for small banks to suspend operations indefinitely. (Prosperity for large banks). The moon is well aspected to Uranus, a favorable testimony for a degree of prosperity for the common people.

Capricorn ascending with Saturn therein is a good testimony for the crops in general. The health generally will be much better after the sun enters Aries, March 22. The sun enters Cancer on June 21, 9.30 p. m., New York time, Taurus ascends. The moon in Virgo in evil aspect to Uranus and Mars; the sun opposite Jupiter. The business outlook is bad; the masses discontented and generally disgusted, prices declining; wheat selling cheaper; labor troubles, etc. Those in employ will do well to hold their situations. The crops will be damaged by hail and bugs, but a fair crop will be harvested as Venus is in a good sign. We are liable to severe losses in the navy. The President will be severely criticised; in fact, much more than he deserves. On the whole he will be decidedly unpopular among the common classes. The sun enters Libra, September 23, 1.13 p. m. Sagittarius ascending, Jupiter is in the ascendant and Mercury in the midheaven, the moon is applying to a good aspect of Uranus. The business outlook is much more favorable than it has been for nine months. The people more prosperous and contented, there will be more interest taken in educational lines; inventions of an unusual nature and such as will revolutionize certain lines of manufactures. Cereal market will have good strength. The last of the year is much better than the first nine months.

I will now give a few interesting points and predictions for the first years in our new century. In 1908, Uranus, that great unknown planet will be in Capricorn in opposition to Neptune. Saturn will form a square aspect to these two planets as it enters Aries, and will be the ruling planet for the year, under these changeable and evil conditions. We may expect radical changes commencing from the year 1908 until 1938 will be a most remarkable period in the history of the world. France will be settled as an empire again, after wading through great revolutions, renovations and tragic scenes, then relapse into her old system of an empire of unlimited power. Spain will be converted into a non-entity and be annexed to France. England in the year 1908, will also have her troubles. Edward VII. will make a good and noble monarch, but towards the end of his reign England will not be so powerful, not possess as much power and lose some of her possessions.

France will be one of the rising nations of the world; the man who will accomplish this is yet in obscurity, he will arise suddenly and give his people confidence, but will die from poison or assassination, after a short reign.

Russia will be in perpetual scenes of trouble, anarchists will become powerful in that country, and scenes of dreadful murder will ensue. Turkey will begin to weaken quickly and become an ally to some European power. Norway and Sweden will become the weakest of all European nations (excepting Spain) and finally become a republic. Germany will go to war with Russia, and these two countries will be in terrific commotion that will last for years and finally compromise.

The United States will be in perfect disorder in 1910, and that year will be one to be remembered with horror; assassinations will be frequent of persons of high repute. The entire civilized world will undergo a perfect revolution and then settle down to quiet again. America will be caused to go through deep waters, false men will grasp power by means of treason, and there will be public executions of persons that were little dreamed of who will suffer as traitors.—*Sunday Star.*

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	PAS. A M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MAIL P M	FX .
Philadelphia	7 25	10 20	2 20	5 58	5 58	11.52
Baltimore	6.25	8 03	1 18	2 01	4 20	
Wilmington	8 13	11 06	3 03	4 39	6 58	12.13
Farnhurst	f 8.22		f 3 12		f 7 07	
New Castle	8 28		3 17	4 5.	7 12	
State Road	f 8.34		f 3 22		f 7 17	
Bear	f 8.39		f 3 27	f 5 01	7 22	
Porter	8 47		f 3 32	5 05	7 28	
Kirkwood	8 52		f 3 37		7 33	
Mt. Pleasant	9 01		f 3 45		f 7 41	
Armstrong	f 9 05		f 3 49		f 7 45	
Middletown	9 11	11.50	3.54	f 5 3.	7 51	12.54
Townsend	9 19		4 01	5 40	7 59	
Blackbird	f 9 23		f 4 11		8 04	
Gr'n Spring	f 9 28		f 4 17		f 8 10	
Clayton	9 34	12 07	4 22	5 54	8 16	
Smyrna LV	9 24	11.57	4 12	5 44	8 06	
Brenford	f 9 19		4 27		f 8 21	
Cheswold	f 9 44		f 4 32		f 8 27	
Dupont			f 4 35			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.42	6 12	8.57	1.31
Wyoming	10.05	f 12.29	4 48	6 18	9 03	1.30
Woodside	f 10 11			f 6 24	f 8 50	
Viola	f 10 15			f 6 28	f 8 54	
Felton	10 20	12.40		6 33	8.59	
Harrington	10 34	12.53		6 46	9.16	
Georgetown	11.24			7 45		
Berlin	12.33			8 44		
Ocean City (B C & A Ry	12.45			10 35		
Farmington	f 10 42			f 6.54	f 9.18	
Greenwood	10.50	f 1 08		f 7 02	f 9.26	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		7.10	9.34	a 2 29
Cannons	f 11 03			f 7.15	f 9.39	
Seaford	11.13	1.27		7 24	9 48	2.41
Laurel	11.23	1.37		7.34	9.58	a 2.53
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.43	10 08	3.05
	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	AM

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS. P. M.
Delmar	11.08		7.05	8.00	2 15	8.30
Laurel	f 1.21		7.16	8.10	2.25	3.41
Seaford	1.34		7.28	8.24	2.35	3.56
Cannons			f 7.36	f 8.31		f 4.04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.42	8.37	f 2.46	4.11
Greenwood			f 7.50	f 8.45	f 2.54	f 4.19
Farmington			f 7.58	f 8.53		f 4.27
Ocean City (B C & A Ry				6.40		a 2.10
Berlin				6.56		2.33
Georgetown				8 06		3.43
Harrington	2.23		8.10	9.06		4.41
Felton	f 2.33		8.19	9.16		4.50
Viola			f 8.23	f 9.20		f 4.54
Woodside			f 8.27	f 9.24	f 3 s0	f 4.58
Wyoming	p 2.46	8.57	8 34	9.31	3.36	5.06
Dover	2.57	7.03	8.40	9.38		6.12
Dupont		f 7 08				
Cheswold		f 7.13		f 9.49		f 5.21
Brenford		f 7.18		f 9.54		f 5.26
Smyrna LV		7.15	8.43	9.51	3.41	5.31
Clayton	3.